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Carlo Rubbia

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FROM A THIN LAYER OF NUCLEAR FUEL,
AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

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AMENDMENT D

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003, the claims of the application
are amended as follows. Also, please consider the following remarks.